

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **150th RecSkate 7 Medallion awarded**

*Nanaimo's flagship learn-to-skate program reaches milestone*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation department recently awarded the 150th RecSkate 7 Medallion to skater Jacob Madill. This accomplishment highlights the achievement of attaining the advanced skills required in this skating level.

The RecSkate program's reward system has been pivotal in building and sustaining learn-to-skate opportunities in Nanaimo. In 2005 the City awarded the first of these awards, and 12 years later the City can still track the careers of the young skaters.

*Strategic Link:* This program and the awarding of this medallion supports the social equity pillar of the sustainability of the strategic planning process for its inclusion and engagement. Success is attainable by all and leads to building of future community leaders.

#### **Key Points**

- As part of the City of Nanaimo's flagship learn-to-skate RecSkate Program, the RecSkate 7 award is the ultimate incentive to encourage the seeking of a great skills challenge, striving for skating excellence and achievement.
- Many of our award recipients have gone on to great achievements in their sport life. Dave Osborne and Joel Heathcote are just two of many young athletes who have gone on to great sporting achievements.

#### **Quotes**

"The RecSkate program in Nanaimo has led countless youngsters to the fulfillment of their skating goals and further challenges in sport and life."

Gary Paterson  
Recreation Coordinator - Arenas  
City of Nanaimo

#### **Quick Facts**

- This 150th awarding of the RecSkate 7 Medallion coincides with Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.
- Nanaimo's RecSkate program began in 2004.

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